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To: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Information has come to the Bureau's attention that James Earl Ray claims to have committed an armed robbery of a food store in Montreal during his visit in 1967, and robbed another food store in Montreal after the King assassination.

It is noted that it has been established that Ray was in Montreal, Canada, from July 17, 1967, through approximately August 17, 1967. It is also noted that according to the Bureau's information, Ray arrived in Toronto, Canada, on April 8, 1968, and departed Toronto, Canada, en route to London on May 6, 1968. His daily whereabouts from April 8, 1968, to May 6, 1968, has not been fully established.

Legat, Ottawa should provide this information to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and determine if any unsolved armed robberies of food stores exist during these pertinent periods in which Ray could be the subject.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (for info)

1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared through SA [REDACTED])

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NOTE:

William Bradford Huie, author, who has been writing series of articles concerning the life of James Earl Ray which appeared in "Look" magazine, was interviewed by Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. It was learned during this interview that Huie claims that Ray admitted to Huie he committed an armed robbery of a food store in Montreal during a visit in 1967, and Ray told Huie that he robbed another food store in Montreal after the King assassination and prior to his flight to London.

We are instructing Legat to provide the information to the RCMP and determine if such robberies were possibly committed by Ray.